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BRIEFING NOTES
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STATUS OF SOVIET MILITARY PERSONNEL IN CUBA

I. The role of the Soviet military in Cuba has changed since the missile crisis of October 1962. Since then the majority of Soviet military personnel have been withdrawn.

A. Most of the Soviets now in Cuba are advisers and technicians. They are training Cubans and are supervising the use and maintenance of Soviet equipment.

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B. There are no organized Soviet ground combat units now in Cuba. The only Soviet ground forces personnel now in Cuba are those advising Cuban military units.

C. We estimate present Soviet military strength in Cuba between 4,000 and 7,000 men. This

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